

optometry, one who makes a referral is practicing. So I think these words ought to be stricken.

SPEAKER NICHOL: I have a list, but I don't know if any of you wish to speak about the Chambers amendment. Senator Haberman, about the Chambers amendment? Senator Smith, about the Chambers amendment? Okay. Senator Wesely, about the Chambers amendment? Senator Hoagland, about the Chambers amendment? Senator Chronister, about the Chambers amendment?

SENATOR CHRONISTER: Yes. Mr. President and colleagues, notwithstanding Senator Chambers' eloquence, I oppose his amendment because it just isn't necessary. The wording, the way it is now in the statute, is a compromise and words agreed to by the medical profession and the optometrists. It's a referral issue that when the optometrist encounters a situation that is beyond his training or scope, as in law, he refers this patient to an ophthalmologist. It is simple as that, and it is no big issue. The amendment is not necessary. I ask you all to oppose it. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vard Johnson about the Chambers amendment? Senator DeCamp, about the...

SENATOR DECAMP: Question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay. That won't be necessary. Senator Chambers, did you wish to close on your amendment? Thank you, Senator DeCamp, though.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, this is why I think that 407 review, one of the reasons, it is ridiculous. People will take a bill and say some other people somewhere agreed on it and this is why it should be accepted. Maybe they know something about medicine, but they don't know anything about syntax or the law or definition of terms. Why put words in the law that include people who are not intended to be included? The definition...I'd like to ask Senator Vard Johnson a question, if he will yield.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vard, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Vard Johnson, as a graduate of one of our finer eastern schools, and very capable in the